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## **Alpena resident confirmed to State's Waterways Commission by Senate**

**Lansing** – State Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) announced today that Alpena resident Janet Mansfield was unanimously confirmed to the Waterways Commission by the Senate.

“Janet is an excellent choice,” Allen said. “With her background and experience she will be an asset to the commission and residents of northern Michigan.”

Mansfield was one of three appointments by the governor to serve on the commission, which advises the state Department of Natural Resources on acquiring, constructing and maintaining harbors, channels and facilities for boating and other water-related issues.

“The Lake Huron shoreline plays a very important part in the tourism industry of northeast Michigan,” Allen said. “It is important that there is someone from northern Michigan on the commission who understands the importance of our waters and how integral it is to our way of life. I look forward to working with her.”

Appointees are subject to the Senate's advice and consent process, which runs through the Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and then the full Michigan Senate.

Mansfield has been active in the United States Power Squadron, mastering celestial navigation. She is a member of the Alpena Coast Guard Auxiliary and is past commodore of the Alpena Yacht Club, as well as being a life member of the Thunderbay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

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